

HELPING SMOKEY PREVENT OUTDOOR FIRES

Part I. How much do you know about fire? Place a check mark in the correct box to show if your answer is "yes" or "no" to each statement:

Statement	Yes	No
1. Fire is always a danger to people and their property.		
2. Prescribed fire can help to prevent disease and protect some kinds of animals and plants.		
3. Most bad fires start from lightning.		
4. A fire that is burning out of control can destroy wildlands and the homes of animals, birds and people.		
5. Fire can add helpful minerals and nutrients to the soil.		
6. Fire helps to create a balanced supply of water, wood, plants and wild animals.		
7. Many bad fires are caused when people are careless.		
8. Some fire can be a helpful tool for unhealthy forests.		
9. Small, prescribed fires set by fire managers help to prevent large and uncontrollable fires from starting.		

What does a healthy forest look like? Think of all the plants and animals that you might see. Using the wildland outlined twice below, first show what it looks like when it needs a prescribed fire. In the second one show it the next season after the prescribed fire has helped make the ecosystem healthy.





